

59TH LEGISLATURE—REGULAR SESSION

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State of Texas shall issue the necessary proclamation for the election and this Amendment shall be published in the manner and for the length of time as required by the Constitution and laws of this state.

Passed the Senate on April 6, 1965: Yeas 23, Nays 5; Senate refused to concur in House amendments and requested appointment of Conference Committee on April 22, 1965; House granted request of the Senate on April 22, 1965; Senate adopted Conference Report on May 28, 1965: Yeas 25, Nays 6; passed the House on April 21, 1965, with amendments: Yeas 104, Nays 37; House granted request of the Senate for appointment of Conference Committee on April 22, 1965; House adopted Conference Report on May 27, 1965: Yeas 111, Nays 35.

Signed by the Governor June 1, 1965.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT— STATE REPRESENTATIVES—TERMS

S. J. R. No. 47

Proposing an Amendment to Section 4, Article III, Constitution of the State of Texas, to provide four-year terms of office for State Representatives.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 4, Article III, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended to read as follows:

"Section 4. The members of the House of Representatives shall be chosen by the qualified electors for the term of four years; but a new House of Representatives shall be chosen after every apportionment, and the members elected after each apportionment shall be divided by lot into two classes. The seats of the members of Class A shall be vacated at the expiration of the first two years, and those of Class B at the expiration of four years, so that one-half of the members of the House of Representatives shall be chosen biennially thereafter. Representatives shall take office following their election, on the day set by law for the convening of the Regular Session of the Legislature, and shall serve thereafter for the full term of years to which elected and until their successors shall have been elected and qualified. Except in case of an election to fill a vacancy, and except in the first election following each re-apportionment, a person who has been elected to the House of Representatives shall not be eligible to be a candidate again for membership in the Legislature until the term for which he was elected has less than one year remaining."

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified voters of the state at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1965, at which election all ballots shall have printed on them the following:

"FOR the Constitutional Amendment to provide for a four-year term of office for State Representatives."

"AGAINST the Constitutional Amendment to provide for a four-year term of office for State Representatives."

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

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Sec. 4. In the event the Constitutional Amendment proposed in this Resolution is adopted by the people of Texas in the election in November, 1965, the Governor of Texas is directed not to issue a proclamation for the election and not to publish notice thereof for the Constitutional Amendment proposed by House Joint Resolution No. 1 of the 59th Texas Legislature, since the provisions of said House Joint Resolution No. 1 are included in this Resolution. But, should this proposed Amendment be rejected by the people of Texas in the election in November, 1965, then the terms and provisions of House Joint Resolution No. 1 shall be and remain in full force and effect and shall be proclaimed published and submitted to the electorate in November, 1966, as provided in said House Joint Resolution No. 1.

Passed the Senate on April 21, 1965: Yeas 22, Nays 8; Senate refused to concur in House amendments and requested appointment of Conference Committee on April 29, 1965; House granted request of the Senate on May 27, 1965; Senate adopted Conference Report on May 28, 1965: Yeas 21, Nays 10; passed the House on April 21, 1965, with amendments: Yeas 101, Nays 43; House granted request of the Senate for appointment of Conference Committee on May 27, 1965; House adopted Conference Report on May 27, 1965: Yeas 108, Nays 37.
Signed by the Governor June 2, 1965.